

In the Specification

PAGES 12 to 13;

Amend the paragraph spanning pages 12-13, and divide the paragraph into two separate paragraphs, as follows:

A compression force F is applied simultaneously on the circumferences of the two crimp rings 38, 40 on the crimp insert 30. The force F may be applied, for example, by a set of confronting hex crimp jaws 70, 72 as seen in FIG. 6. As depicted in FIG. 6, when the hex jaws act on the crimp rings, the insert 30 deforms uniformly and radially inward about the circumference of the cable 20. Preferably, and as shown in FIG. 5, the jaws 70, 72 have sufficient width in the axial direction to exert a crimp force simultaneously on both of the crimp rings 38, 40 on the insert 30. Thus, by way of a single crimping operation, the cable jacket 28 is crimped and positively retained beneath the first ring 38 at the proximal end 32 of the insert, while a portion of the exposed cladded core of the cable is crimped and positively secured within the bore portion D2 of the insert beneath the second ring 40.

The cable termination process is completed by cleaving and, if desired, polishing the free end of the cladded core exiting from the opening 62 in the plug end wall, in a conventional manner. For example, a commercially available cleave tool such as type CT-2 available from OFS Fitel may be used to form a clean fiber end face that is substantially flush with the plug end wall 60. One or more cables each of which is terminated by the assembled connector plug 50 and insert 30 may then be supported in a connector housing such as the housing 10 in FIG. 1, so that the end faces of the cables will be operatively coupled to other cables or optical devices associated with a mating connector or socket.